

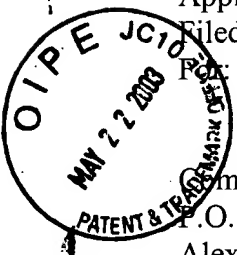
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Hering et al. Confirmation No.: 9094
 Application No.: 09/934,177 Group No.: 1733
 Filed: August 21, 2001 Examiner: J. L. Goff II
**METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR JOINING PIECES OF
 THERMOPLASTIC MATERIAL TO FORM CELLULAR BLOCKS**

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Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of one (1) months to respond to the Office Action dated March 26, 2003.

2. Applicant is ☒ a small entity; ☐ other than a small entity.

3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

Total Months Requested	Fee For Other Than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$410.00	\$205.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$930.00	\$465.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,450.00	\$725.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months*	\$1,970.00	\$985.00

*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.

☒ A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed.

☐ Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee.

☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any fee deficiency.

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